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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE ATTENDANCE AT NAC SESSIONS ON SALT AND MIDDLE EAST

REF: A. USNATO 4603 NOTAL

B. USNATO 4602 NOTAL

1. IN SEPTEMBER 2 CONVERSATION, ACTING SYG PANSAL AND LUNS' DE CHEF DE CABINET, VAN CAMPEN, RAISED WITH US ISSUE OF POSSIBLE PORTUGUESE EXCLUSION FROM SEPTEMBER 12 NAC CONSULTATIONS ON SALT ON BASIS THAT PORTUGUESE HAD AGREED NOT TO ATTEND DISCUSSIONS OF NUCLEAR MATTERS. IF US PREFERRED, VAN CAMPEN SAID, LUNS WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH PORTUGUESE PERMREP DE FREITAS CRUZ AND SUGGEST THAT THE ATTENDED SALT CONSULTATION UNACCOMPANIED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION. WE TOLD VAN CAMPEN WE HAD NO GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT, WHICH WAS RELATED TO THE GENERAL ISSUE OF PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE PERMREP MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, AND THAT WE WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS.

2. COMMENT: REFTELS PROVIDE OUR VIEWS ON NEXT STEPS REGARDING PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. PENDING DERIVATION THROUGH FURTHER ALLIED CONSULTATIONS OF A COMMON APPROACH TO THIS MATTER, HOWEVER, WE WOULD INCLINE TO DEFER AD HOC MEASURES TO REDUCE PORTUGUESE ATTENDANCE AT NAC/DPC DISCUSSION, BEYOND CONFIDENTIAL

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THOSE ALREADY IN EFFECT FOR DISCUSSIONS OF MBFR OPTION III AND IN CONNECTION WITH NPG. SHOULD DEPARTMENT PREFER THAT PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATION BE LIMITED AT SALT BRIEFING, AN ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT BY LUNS FOR PORTUGUESE PERMREP TO ATTEND ALONE WOULD OFFER AN INTERIM SOLUTION. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

END COMMENT

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